

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session July 28, 2015. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:37 and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, Dessie Kendall, and Pat Carwile. Jessica Cason, Administrator, was also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Mary Bessent. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and there were no absentees from that meeting.

The census count shows there are currently 33 residents in the facility, as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, there are openings for CNA's.

In the Administrator's report, the annual State survey was completed July 22, with three low level deficiencies. Life Safety inspection is still pending, as of meeting date.

Under capital projects, Harrison Roofing will begin roof repairs in the near future.

PointClickCare training began early June. Clinical and financial trainings and coaching continues until the go live dates. Computers and kiosks have arrived with installation pending in early August.

Report on building maintenance: The broken window in the dining room has been replaced, and door knobs are being replaced with door handles as per life safety code. Repairs have been made to ensure water temperatures, as addressed in survey.

Accounts Receivable/ Collections were discussed, and an update was given to the Board. The financial statements were discussed and accepted.

There will be a budget workshop August 19th.

The Board went into Executive session at 12:00 noon, and returned to regular session at

12:10PM. No action was needed.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the date of the next Board meeting will be August 25, 2015. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Dog Days of summer are upon us. Looking at the August calendar, in addition to the regular activities, the SS Church of Christ will be hosting the monthly birthday party on the 12th, at 3:30. Those celebrating birthdays this month are Bonnie Roberts, Nadine Wilson, Eddie Everidge, Jim Skinner, Thomas Martin, and Valerie Taylor. On August 13th, at 3:30, Ellen, from the San Angelo Symphony, will be entertaining residents and guests with her talents on the guitar. On the 20th, at 2:30, rumors are that Elvis will be in the building.... entertaining in full regalia, with a wide selection of songs from the 50's and 60's. Don't miss it!!! Another event not to miss will occur at 2:30, August 28, in the dining room of the facility. Roger Alexander will be leading the monthly Sing-Along. Come and join the musical hilarity.

So as August winds down, everyone hang in there! Hopefully, cooler days are just around the corner.

... Taxing Entities

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RLISD -\$3,565,106.77

BISD-\$1,073,424.35

Hospital Districts

Originally established to fund and maintain hospitals in Robert Lee and Bronte. Since these hospitals were closed, the funding has gone to the nursing homes in each city. Taxpayers on the west side receive a small discount (approximately \$3/day) if they must be admitted to the nursing home. Taxpayers on the east side are treated no differently than a resident of another county if they must be admitted to the nursing home.

2014 Taxes Levied

WCCHD-\$1,039,875.39

ECCHD-\$559,272.53

BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Bronte ISD** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$0** lunch costs **Pre k-5 \$2.35, 6-12 \$2.60**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is **\$0**, for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. If you received a notification letter that a child is directly certified for free meals, do not complete an application. Let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

The following questions and answers will provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only one application for all the students in the household and return the completed application to Bronte ISD, PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, Phone (325) 473-2511. If you have questions about applying for free or reduced price meals, contact Phillip Ratliff P.O. Box 670 Bronte, Texas 76933, 325-473-2511.

1. Who can get free meals?

- **Income**-Your children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household's gross income is within the limits described on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

- **Special Assistance Program Participants**- Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.

- **Foster**-Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.

- **Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start**-Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.

- **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**-Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or email Jackie Timmerman at 325-473-2511.

- **WIC Recipient**-Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

2. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to **Tim Siler, P.O. Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933 Phone 325-473-2511**.

3. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one? Yes. An application is only good for that school year and the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for this school year.

4. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

5. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

6. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently? Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.

7. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

8. Will application information be checked? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.

9. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1.

If you have other questions or need help, call: Phillip Ratliff @ Bronte ISD 325-473-2511 EST 116
Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: Phillip Ratliff @ Bronte ISD 325-473-2511 EST 116

Sincerely,
Phillip Ratliff
Food Service Manager

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING FREE AND REDUCED PRICE BENEFITS

Effective From July 1, 2015, To June 30, 2016

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,301	\$21,775	\$1,276	\$1,815	\$638	\$908	\$589	\$838	\$295	\$419
2	\$20,709	\$29,471	\$1,726	\$2,456	\$863	\$1,228	\$797	\$1,134	\$399	\$567
3	\$26,117	\$37,167	\$2,177	\$3,098	\$1,089	\$1,549	\$1,005	\$1,430	\$503	\$715
4	\$31,525	\$44,863	\$2,628	\$3,739	\$1,314	\$1,870	\$1,213	\$1,726	\$607	\$863
5	\$36,933	\$52,559	\$3,078	\$4,380	\$1,539	\$2,190	\$1,421	\$2,022	\$711	\$1,011
6	\$42,341	\$60,255	\$3,529	\$5,022	\$1,765	\$2,511	\$1,629	\$2,318	\$815	\$1,159
7	\$47,749	\$67,951	\$3,980	\$5,663	\$1,990	\$2,832	\$1,837	\$2,614	\$919	\$1,307
8	\$53,157	\$75,647	\$4,430	\$6,304	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$2,045	\$2,910	\$1,023	\$1,455
9	\$58,565	\$83,343	\$4,881	\$6,946	\$2,441	\$3,473	\$2,253	\$3,206	\$1,127	\$1,603
10	\$63,973	\$91,039	\$5,332	\$7,588	\$2,667	\$3,794	\$2,461	\$3,502	\$1,231	\$1,751
11	\$69,381	\$98,735	\$5,783	\$8,230	\$2,893	\$4,115	\$2,669	\$3,798	\$1,335	\$1,899
12	\$74,789	\$106,431	\$6,234	\$8,872	\$3,119	\$4,436	\$2,877	\$4,094	\$1,439	\$2,047
<i>For each additional family member add:</i>										
	+\$5,408	+\$7,696	+\$451	+\$642	+\$226	+\$321	+\$208	+\$296	+\$104	+\$148

More Information on How to Report Your Income on the Application

- **Gross Income**-Record the amount earned before taxes and other deductions
- **How Often Income is Received**-Record type of income received for the month-weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly and not the take-home pay. You should be able to find this information on your paystub, or ask your boss.

- **All Other Income**-Record Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income.

Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, federal education benefits, and foster payments received from the placing agency.

For the self-employed ONLY, under Earnings form Work Before Deductions, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

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